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Sherman et al. §
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For: METHOD OF REMOVING §
CONTAMINANTS FROM §
PETROLEUM DISTILLATES §

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Applicant files this Response to a Notice to File Missing Parts within the two-month period set to expire on April 16, 2001. The notice (copy enclosed) indicates that the application was filed without the basic filing fee and an oath or declaration.

Enclosed for filing in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-referenced continuation application is an authorization for payment of the required fees and a copy of the original declaration and assignment filed in the parent application, Serial No. 09/465,637, from which the present continuation application claims priority. The submission of copies from the parent case is made in accordance with M.P.E.P. §201.06(c).

Applicants have also enclosed a Statement of Ownership under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(B) and a Power of Attorney for the above identified application in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$430.00 as payment of the statutory basic filing fee and surcharge associated with this Communication and Response, in addition to the \$40.00 fee for recording the attached assignment in the current continuation application.

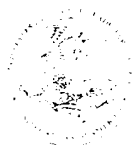
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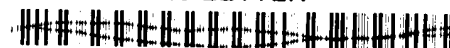
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 840.

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